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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, AUGUST 1987

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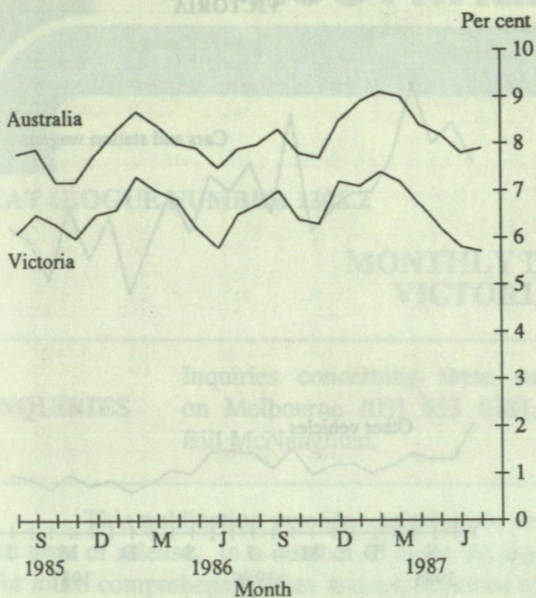
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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE (a)										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Jul 87	1,574.3	1,550.3	1,548.2	1,540.4	1,513.2	4.0	5,771.9	2.5
- total	'000	Jul 87	1,945.5	1,928.7	1,928.9	1,919.3	1,859.3	4.6	7,157.8	2.9
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Jul 87	93.1	94.6	103.5	106.4	99.0	-6.0	510.9	4.1
- total	'000	Jul 87	118.4	118.4	128.3	136.9	128.3	-7.7	610.2	2.7
Labour force	'000	Jul 87	2,063.9	2,047.1	2,057.3	2,056.2	1,987.5	3.8	7,768.0	2.9
Participation rate	per cent	Jul 87	62.9	62.5	62.9	63.0	61.8	1.8	62.2	0.5
Unemployment rate	per cent	Jul 87	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.7	6.5	-12.3	7.9	0.0
Job vacancies	'000	May 87	17.6	18.0	12.8	12.9	16.8	4.8	53.8	-1.1
Overtime worked per employee	hours	May 87	1.41	1.38	1.40	1.22	1.41	0.0	1.23	0.0
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	Feb 87	432.50	427.70	415.60	407.20	401.20	7.8	429.90	6.4
Males	\$	Feb 87	454.60	450.30	437.50	429.70	421.50	7.9	454.80	6.5
Females	\$	Feb 87	384.10	378.30	368.30	359.80	358.40	7.2	375.70	6.5
All employees total earnings -	\$	Feb 87	391.70	388.50	374.80	374.80	370.10	5.8	381.80	4.9
Males	\$	Feb 87	447.80	446.70	429.50	425.70	423.50	5.7	445.30	5.3
Females	\$	Feb 87	307.90	301.00	294.50	297.10	290.50	6.0	291.10	5.3
CONSUMER PRICES (b)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Jun qr 87	160.5	160.2	158.9	156.1	152.0	5.6	157.9	5.7
Clothing	index	Jun qr 87	157.3	151.8	151.3	145.9	144.6	8.8	157.8	8.5
Housing	index	Jun qr 87	180.1	176.9	173.9	171.3	168.6	6.8	169.4	7.4
Household equipment & operation	index	Jun qr 87	166.7	163.0	161.3	156.8	153.7	8.5	165.6	7.3
Transportation	index	Jun qr 87	171.0	169.9	164.5	156.8	149.6	14.3	178.4	14.1
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Jun qr 87	184.8	181.2	176.8	171.8	168.1	9.9	189.7	10.9
Health & personal care	index	Jun qr 87	172.8	168.5	164.1	151.4	147.4	17.2	162.0	16.0
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Jun qr 87	149.1	146.8	142.1	139.8	136.8	9.0	146.0	9.4
All groups	index	Jun qr 87	168.6	166.0	162.9	158.2	154.2	9.3	167.2	9.3
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)	\$m	May 87	1,289.9	1,261.3	1,229.8	1,141.8	1,266.0	1.9	4,816.9	2.3
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	May 87	54	37	44	36	37	45.9	160	-7.0
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	May 87	288	277	296	276	293	-1.7	1,204	-3.7
Plastics & synthetic resins (c)	tonnes	May 87	39,535	36,315	33,608	34,967	49,178	-19.6	54,282	7.9
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	May 87	3,120	2,615	2,954	2,755	3,017	3.4	3,668	0.6
Cars & station wagons	'000	May 87	18.9	15.3	14.9	15.5	19.2	-1.6	29.3	-5.8
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	May 87	923	998	983	901	1,055	-12.5	1,902	-5.8
- Wool	tonnes	May 87	1,467	1,357	1,459	1,367	1,391	5.5	2,015	2.6
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	May 87	1,698	1,886	1,644	1,635	2,198	-22.7	3,695	-14.0
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	May 87	349	369	328	349	423	-17.5	921	-18.1
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	May 87	7,089	6,473	7,400	7,340	6,612	7.2	15,348	10.1
Electricity	million kWh	May 87	2,896	2,690	2,617	2,413	2,484	16.6	11,456	6.1
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Jun 87	1,161.1	1,066.7	1,084.5	1,081.4	986.4	17.7	3,269.3	19.5
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Jun 87	672.7	738.4	677.1	694.2	450.1	49.5	3,249.6	28.1
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Jun 87	2,269	2,380	2,087	2,322	2,441	-7.0	8,298	-1.5
New other residential building	No.	Jun 87	306	396	255	375	447	-31.5	2,653	-7.3
Value of all building	\$m	Jun 87	396.9	423.4	416.6	410.7	764.1	-48.1	1,607.7	-10.2
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Dec qr 86	7,410	6,840	6,750	6,930	8,150	-9.1	23,530	-16.3
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 86	480.1	445.8	426.6	424.8	494.2	-2.9	1,428.2	-9.3
New other residential buildings	No.	Dec qr 86	1,245	1,352	1,150	1,385	1,695	-26.5	6,837	-15.6
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Dec qr 86	59.2	57.9	47.9	56.6	68.1	-13.1	339.3	-3.9
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Dec qr 86	358.0	874.1	429.0	496.5	428.1	-16.4	1,974.8	-10.8
Value of all building	\$m	Dec qr 86	991.4	1,459.1	990.5	1,053.0	1,072.5	-7.6	4,023.7	-8.5
Work done in period	\$m	Dec qr 86	1,168.4	1,221.8	1,173.3	980.1	1,116.7	4.6	4,468.4	1.0
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (d)										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	May 87	108.1	108.1	106.3	106.0	101.8	6.2	108.2	6.2
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	May 87	182.0	181.6	180.5	178.9	169.9	7.1	185.2	7.4
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Jun 87	10,713	10,235	8,726	11,359	13,407	-20.1	40,527	-9.5
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Jun 87	9,013	8,669	7,448	9,653	11,002	-18.1	32,493	-5.8
Motor cycles	No.	Jun 87	1,700	1,566	1,278	1,706	2,405	-29.3	8,034	-21.9
	No.	Jun 87	262	362	324	368	638	-58.9	1,689	-19.7
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	May 87	18,923	18,616	17,960	17,777	15,908	19.0	50,607	24.6
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	May 87	5,027	4,887	5,058	4,647	3,893	29.1	16,436	21.8
Fixed deposits	\$m	May 87	8,094	8,203	8,293	8,201	8,697	-6.9	29,977	-4.1
Advances	\$m	May 87	13,954	14,023	13,775	13,371	11,637	19.9	45,476	10.8
Debits to customers' accounts (e)	\$m	May 87	29,771	27,509	29,758	26,290	25,230	18.0	128,256	30.4
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	May 87	358.0	360.9	370.7	344.8	343.5	4.2	1,127.4	10.8
Savings banks	\$m	May 87	301.2	305.4	313.8	296.4	283.0	6.4	792.5	19.7
Trading banks	\$m	May 87	19.0	18.8	19.7	18.0	23.6	-19.5	83.9	-19.1
Permanent building societies	\$m	May 87	21.9	17.8	20.8	16.1	15.7	39.5	175.0	20.0
Other lenders	\$m	May 87	15.9	18.9	16.4	14.2	21.2	-25.0	76.0	-27.9
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (f)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,241	1,678	1,582	1,431	1,058	17.3	4,830	12.2
Finance	\$m	Mar qr 87	447	612	599	530	383	16.7	1,276	17.7
New building and structures	\$m	Mar qr 87	492	633	629	565	425	15.8	1,771	11.9
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Mar qr 87	295	387	431	378	205	43.9	1,562	23.5
	\$m	Mar qr 87	945	1,291	1,151	1,054	853	10.8	3,268	7.6

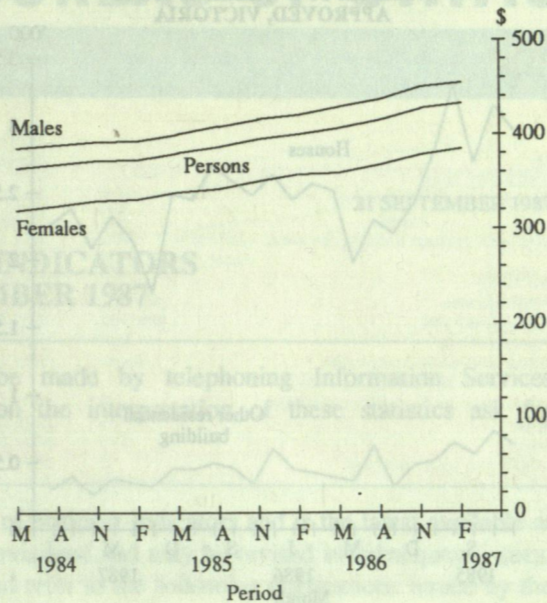
(a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (b) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (d) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (e) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (f) By private enterprises.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER



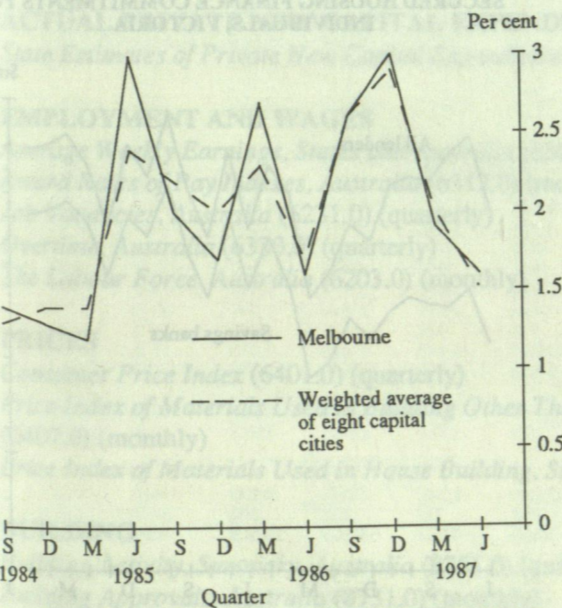
FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA

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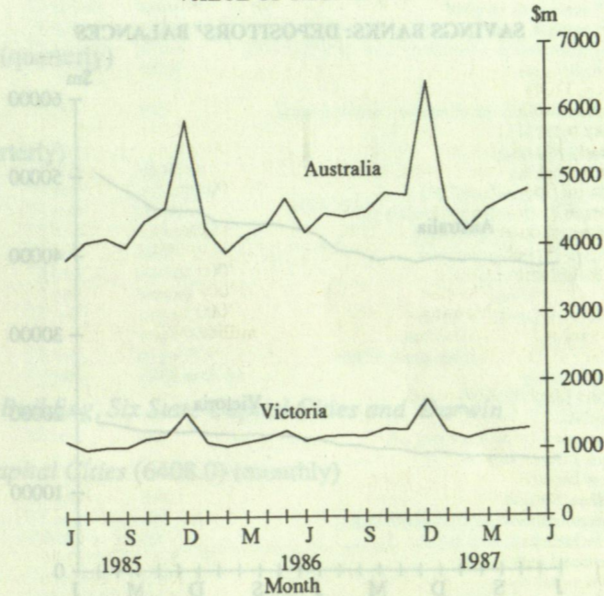


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS

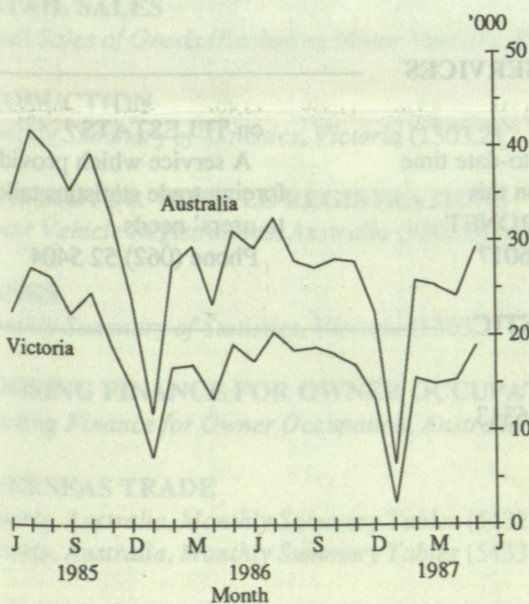
Percentage change from previous quarter



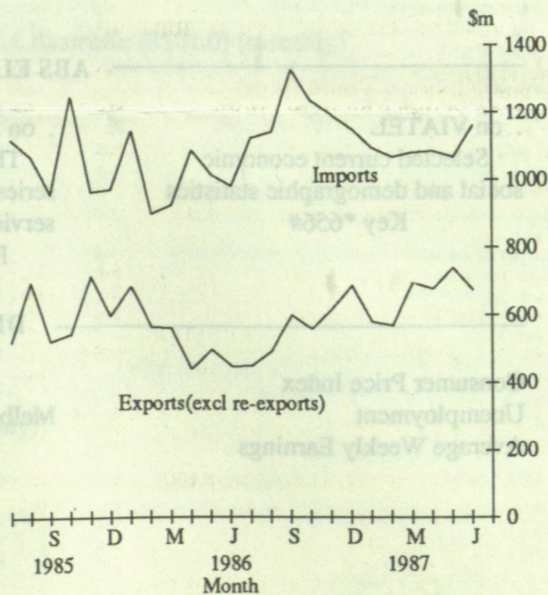
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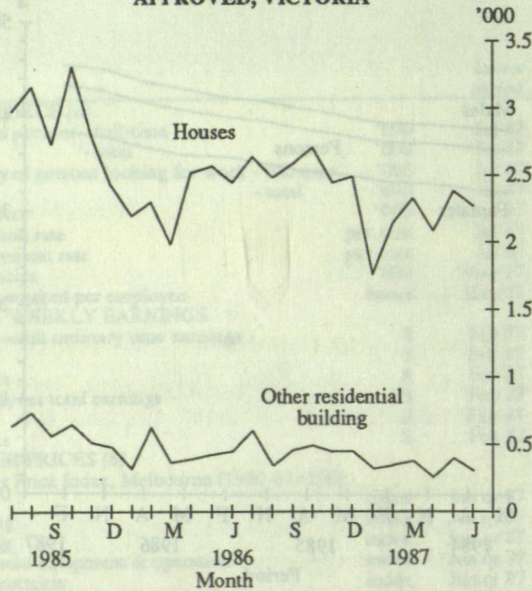
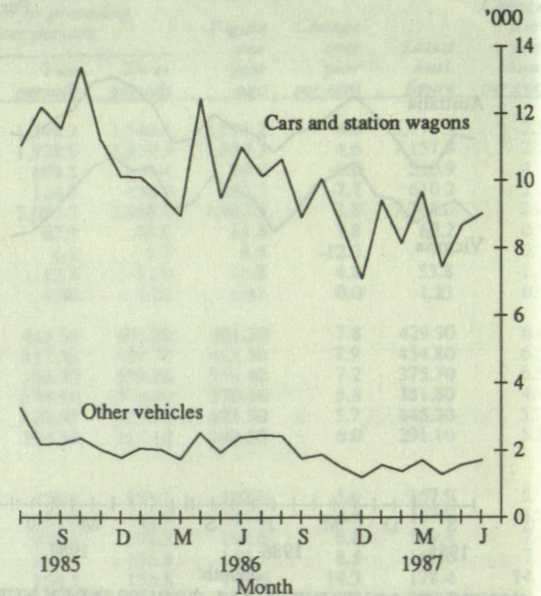
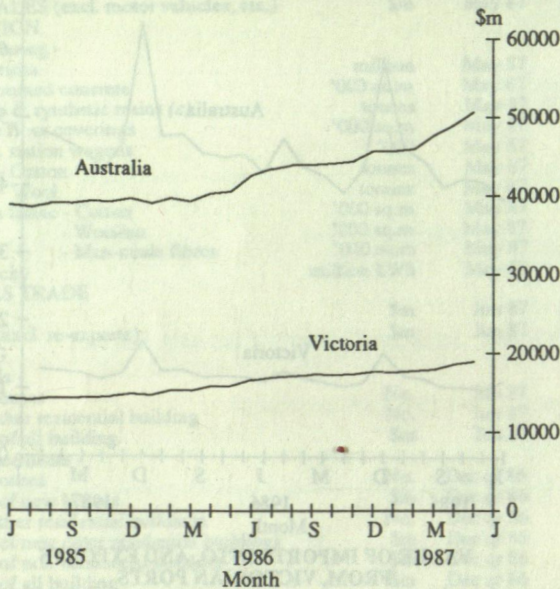
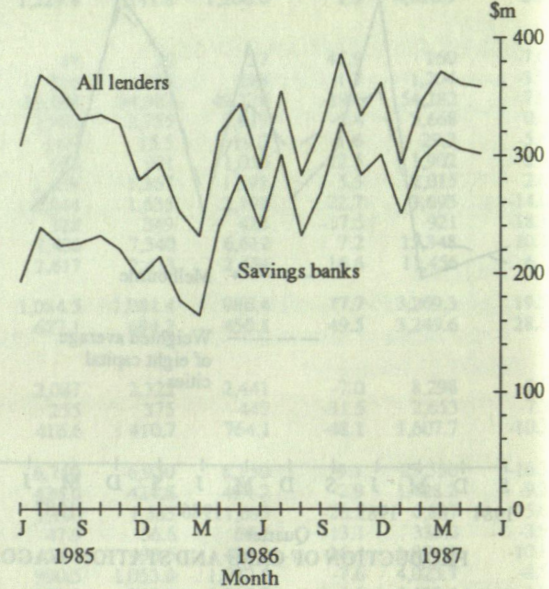


PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



**NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS
APPROVED, VICTORIA**

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
VICTORIA**

SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES

**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO
INDIVIDUALS, VICTORIA**

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